

Japanese Umbrella Pine

Sciadopitys verticillata

This species is a member of the illustrious redwood family of trees, and is native only in Japan, where it is called **Koya-maki**.

It grows slowly in Seattle, especially when not watered in the summer. This specimen, one of the oldest in Washington, may date from 1900. In 1996 it became Seattle's first tree designated as heritage.

The scientific name *Sciadopitys* dates from 1784, and derives from the Greek *skias* or *skiados*, an umbrella, and *pitys*, a fir or pine - literally the parasol or umbrella pine, in allusion to the whorls of broad needles.



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Owner: Curry Temple
Address: 172 – 23rd Ave
Location: Parking Lot
Size: 34.3 inch diameter
Category: Specimen AAA

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